लेना, लगभग सभी प्रसंस्कृत फल एवं सब्जी उत्पादों पर उत्पाद शुल्क हटाना, संयंत्र और मशीनरी पर सीमाशुल्क में कटौती आदि शामिल हैं । इसके अलावा इस मंत्रालय ने कुछ फसलोत्तर बुनियादी सुविधाओं, उत्पादकों और प्रसंस्करण-कर्त्ताओं के बीच पिछड़े संपर्क को मजबूत करने, खुम्बी की खेती और प्रसंस्करण के लिये बुनियादी सुविधा के विकास आदि सहित फल एवं सब्जी प्रसंस्करण सुविधाओं की स्थापना एवं उन्हें उन्नत बनाने के लिये योजना स्कीमें भी तैयार की हैं । इन प्रोत्साहनों और योजना सहायता का लाभ प्राइवेट सेक्टर द्वारा भी उठाया जा सकता है ।

World Bank credit for import of equipment for Food Processing Industries

1032. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE :

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to secure a credit of $ 1 billion over the next five years from the World Bank and its affiliates to primarily finance import of equipment for food processing industry;

(b) if so, the details of the food processing industry sought to be developed with the World Bank credit; and

(c) what steps have been taken so far in this direction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Conditions for Pepsi Foods

1033. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 279 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th July, 1992 and state :

(a) what were the conditions for giving Pepsi Foods foothold in the country;

(b) whether the said unit has fulfilled the conditions; and

(c) if not, what action Goverument have taken on non-fulfilment of the conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) M/s. Punjab Agro Industries Corpn. Ltd. were granted letter of intent/foreign collaboration approval (subsequently transferred in the name of M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd.) for processing potato/grain foods, processed fruit/vegetable products and soft drink concentrate. Certain special conditions, in addition to the general conditions were incorporated in the letter of intent/foreign collaboration aproval which are as under :—

(i) the turnover from soft drink concentrate manufacturing shall in no year exceed 25% of the total turnover of the company for that year;

(ii) the project shall export 50% of its total turnover each year for a period of ten years from the commencement of commercial production of which 40% will be from the company's own manufactured products and 10% from 'Select List' products manufactured by others. The foreign exchange inflow shall not be less than five times the foreign exchange outflow of the project during the aforementioned ten year period.

(iii) there shall be no import of proprietory ingredients to manufacture soft drink concentrate and the raw materials available within the country shall be used to the maximum extent possible. The import of any raw materials and chemicals that are not available indigenously shall be regulated by the Import Policy in force from time to time and no special import concessions shall be allowed.